



Congressman Steve Scalise

Louisiana's First Congressional District

Media Advisory

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Scalise to Speak on House Floor Regarding Louisiana's Levees

Washington D.C. - Congressman Steve Scalise will speak on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today regarding Louisiana's Levees.

Congressman Steve Scalise
Floor Speech
Between 1:30 – 2 p.m. ET (aprx)
CSPAN

The following is a prepared statement for Congressman Scalise.

Prepared Remarks for Congressman Steve Scalise
U.S. House of Representatives Floor Statement
Funding for Louisiana Levees
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Louisiana cannot afford another disaster like Hurricane Katrina. We are still recovering from the damage it left behind and rebuilding proper levees is one of the most important issues facing Louisiana. The new levees will correct the design flaws that led to the detrimental flooding and they will get Louisiana to 100-year flood protection. Most of these levees are in my district and it is my constituents who will be directly affected if we do not properly rebuild them.

The new levees will not only protect our people living there, but they will make sure Louisiana can continue to play a significant role to the rest of the nation. Louisiana is responsible for 30 percent of the energy consumed in the United States, our port system transports commerce across the country and our fisheries help feed the nation. It is imperative to rebuild our gulf coast communities so we can continue to play our part in the United States economy.

The emergency supplemental appropriations bill provides \$5.8 billion to rebuild levees in Louisiana, which is consistent with the President's budget request. However, this funding will come on the shoulders of small businesses with a \$52 billion tax increase. Increasing our taxes is irresponsible and it is not the answer. I'm confident that

we can get the tax increase eliminated from the supplemental bill before we move to a final passage of the bill. Thank you, I yield back my time.

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